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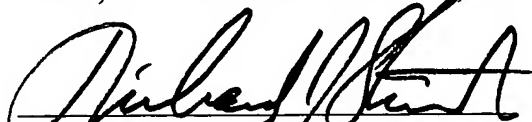
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2003, setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for a reply ending on August 1, 2003, Applicants submit the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. This amendment is considered to place the application in better condition for allowance.

Also enclosed is the Request for Two-Month Extension of Time (thereby extending the due date from August 1, 2003 to October 1, 2003), and the Commissioner is authorized to charge \$410.00 to Deposit Account No. 12-0400 to cover the fee for the extension. No other fee is believed to be required, but, if this is not the case, please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account No. 12-0400.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 20 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the last page of this paper.